



*Join the Congressional Bike Caucus in Supporting
National Bike Month!*

Dear Colleague:

May is National Bike Month! If you've been thinking about using your bike to avoid that traffic jam or find relief from Metro's price increase, now is a great time to hop on your bike and burn calories instead of fossil fuels! To encourage you on your two-wheeled way, the Congressional Bike Caucus is helping with the following events, which you should have already received an invitation to:

Giro d'Italia Briefing
Monday, May 17th, 3pm
Cannon 210

Come learn about the Giro d'Italia, one of the world's preeminent multi stage bike racing events, and Washington D.C.'s bid to bring it here in 2012. If D.C.'s bid is successful, it would be the first time the race is held on the North American continent, giving the United States an excellent opportunity to showcase the nation's capital! Refreshments and more racing videos than you can imagine will be provided.

Washington Area Bicyclists Association Bike to Work Celebration
Friday May 21st, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Freedom Plaza

The Washington Area Bicyclists Association is hosting their annual bike to work celebration! Come join cyclists at Freedom Plaza in D.C. to hear speakers such as Mayor Fenty, Under Secretary of Transportation Roy Kienitz, Congressman Earl Blumenauer and Deputy Secretary of Energy Daniel Poneman. There will be free food, giveaways, raffles and entertainment.

WABA will also be leading Bike to Work convoys the morning of Friday, May 21st to show local residents how easy biking to work can be! For more information, please click here: <http://www.waba.org/events/btwd/index.php>. Convoy leaders will help you ride safely and make sure your bike is properly set up!

Local communities throughout your states have also scheduled events in celebration of bike month. If you are interested in viewing events that may be scheduled in your state, please visit the League of American Bicyclists' website at <http://www.bikeleague.org/programs/bikemonth/events.php>.

If you're interested in biking to work here on Capitol Hill, you should know there are bike parking racks and accessible showers in every House office building. For specific locations, please call the Architect of the Capitol's office at x81793

If you have questions about any of these events or about bike commuting in general, please contact Tyler Frisbee in Representative Blumenauer's office (5-4811) or Debbie Gebhardt in Representative Petri's office (5-2476).

Sincerely,
Congressman Earl Blumenauer

Congressman Tom Petri